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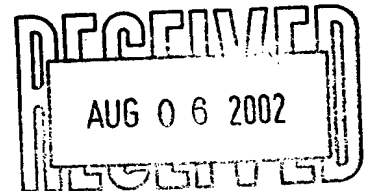
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References AB, AE and AW were discussed in the Specification. These and all remaining references identified in the PTO 1449 form are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is required.

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